

CLAIMS

1. A retraction device for drawers or the like comprising a displaceable entrainment member which is subjected to the force of at least two springs and which can be releasably coupled to a holding member secured to a portion of an article of furniture characterised in that at least one of the springs (15) can be releasably coupled to the entrainment member (12) and at least one spring (14) is constantly connected to the entrainment member (12).

2. A retraction device as set forth in claim 1 characterised in that the springs (14, 15) of an unequal length.

3. A retraction device as set forth in claim 1 characterised by a coupling member (4) which is fixedly connected to at least one spring (15) and which during the displacement travel of the entrainment member (12) couples an end of said at least one spring (15) alternately either to the entrainment member (12) or a housing (7) in which the entrainment member (12) is displaceable.

4. A retraction device as set forth in claim 2 characterised in that the entrainment member (12) is mounted on a linearly displaceable slider (8) which is engaged by the coupling member (4).

5. A retraction device as set forth in claim 3 characterised in that a rocker member (10) is mounted in the coupling member (4).

6. A retraction device as set forth in claim 5 characterised in that the rocker member (10) has two latching noses (16, 17), of which alternately one is in engagement with a holding surface (21) of the housing (7) and one is in engagement with a holding surface (22) of the slider (8).

7. A retraction device as set forth in claim 5 or claim 6 characterised in that the rocker member (10) is mounted in the coupling member (4) tiltably on a spindle (9).

8. A retraction device as set forth in claim 6 characterised in that the holding surface (22) of the slider (8) is in the form of a control cam.

9. A retraction device as set forth in claim 6 characterised in that the holding surfaces (21, 22) are provided beside openings (20) in the housing (7) and in the slider (8).

10. A retraction device as set forth in claim 5 characterised in that the coupling member (4) has a region of U-shaped cross-section, in which the rocker member (10) is mounted.

11. A retraction device as set forth in at least one of claims 1 through 10 characterised in that provided on the slider (8) is a control nose (24) which tilts the rocker member (10) and thus couples the coupling member (4) to the slider (8).